## XIXme SIECLE

## Soubaits pour le XXe.

Nous publions ci dessous ies sorrespondances que nous avons recues de nombre de nos amis, à Poccasion du siècle qui vient de se clore et du siècle qui lui succè-

Afin de permettre à nos correspondanta de se lire, car il en est dont le français n'est pas la langue, nous publions leurs ap-préciations des événements passes ou leurs souhaits pour l'avemir dans la langue où ils les out corits. Ainsi la pensée et le langage de chacun sont respec-

Mlle-Orléans, Lne, ler janvier 1901.

A l'aurore d'un nouveau siècle nous nous plaisons à jeter un regard en arrière sur la route parcourue minsi que le voyageur à mi-chemin de la côte. Sur la voie de progrès que suit notre belle Louisiane, en compagnie des autres Etats de l'Umion Américaine, nous avons pendant le stècle auquel hier nous di-zions adieu éprouvé parfois des re-vers; de grandes calamités nous ont plusieurs fois frappés sans nous abattre, et nous avons repris notre marche en avant plus courageux que jamais. Nous avons vu la guerre, l'odieuse reconstruction, les inondations et les épidémies; assez de fléaux réunis pour anéantir un peu ple à tout jamais. "Sursum Corda,"
Louisianais! Aujourd'hui le soleil
reluit plus brillant qu'aux plus
beaux jours de l'"Ante Bellum." Le pays s'est relevé de ses désastres, l'a griculture et le commerce prospe-rent, et l'ordre règne dans le Gou-vernement National, aussi bien qu'à Baton Rouge et au City Hall.

Si depuis 1801 nous avons échangé le gouvernement paternel du roi d'Espagne et du gouverneur marquis de Cassa Calvo pour entrer dans la grande Union Américaine sous le drapeau aux quarante-cinq étoiles, il y a plus de cause de félicitations que de regrets. La Louisiane a fait montrée digne d'elle-même sous chacun de ses divers régimes.
Elle a été honnète, industrieuse, patriotique et vaillante. Aussi, nous avons le droit d'être fiers du passé de notre cher pays. Il ne nous convient pas d'oublier notre histoire et de renier nos origines. La race Anglo-Saxonne nous absorbera proet la Louisiane de l'an 2001 sera plus homogène, mais moins intéressante et sympathique qu'à l'heure pré-mente. Et si alors le "Crescent City" compte un million d'habimerce et sa puissance elle rappelle Tyr et Carthage, si elle trône en reine parmi les grandes villes du monde, y trouverons-nous encore cette urbanité et cette hospitalité dont elle possède le grand secret ?

Nous voici à une époque de transition. La Nouvelle-Orléans qui a été cité française, puis espagnole, et maintenant créole-américaine, n'a pas encore terminé son évolution. La noble race créole qui a dominé le pays pendant deux siècles est toujours debout. Nous avons à cette heure à la mairie un digne et homorable représentant du type élevé de l'ancien régime. La langue fran-caise, grace à "l'Abeille" et aux fidèles créoles qui l'ont entendue au berceau et ne veulent pas l'oublier, n'est pas prête à abdiquer pendant le cours de ce siècle. Le vrai Louisianais est à bon droit fier d'être Américain, mais il conserve toujours au fond du cœur le culte du

MENBY CHIAPELLA.

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New Orleans, December 29, 1900. My dear Mr. Capdevielle: I have nothing sufficiently interesting for the columns of your valuable journal, but cannot let the occasion of your request to write something for publication pass without wishing continued usefulness and honor to the New Orleans Bee, and to all connected with it.

I find that the older I grow, the more intense is my affection for my mative City and State, and for our dearest country. I am grateful for witnessing the civic talents and courage, the independence in office and the success of my friend Paul Capdevielle, and I thank God ferwently for the prosperity and glory of our common country, and for the prospect He allows it of being, in ocience and the arts, in wealth and power, as well as in civil liberty, the greatest of all nations, whether of naciont or of modern times.

Very sincerely yours, CARLETON HUNT.

L'Abeille, New Orleans, La. The most important event of the past century has been the mar-velous progress made by the United States in all fields of human activity growth, music, drama, art, literazure, science, invention, production and in the use of implements of

One of the causes of the marvelous progress of the United States has been the reunion in spirit and sentiments of the North and the South. The United States is the greatest nation on earth. It produesesough surplus wheat, coal, tumher, iron, beer and whickey to supply the balance of the earth. Ite government is the best and freest and allows the widest latitude of liberty to every one of its citizens consistent with the safety of the hody politic. The greatest event of the past Century has been the de-velopment of the government of the Daited States.

Bespectfully. S. A. PHILIPS, Editor The Adviser. N. Y. Dec. 22, 1900.

My dearest wishes are confined to New Orleans. I would see realized in the twentieth century its rightful and inevitable destiny: the com-mercial, industrial, literary, artistic and musical metropolis of the World. I would see our men and women generous, co-operative, large of view. I would see the prude and the petty drummed out of town together with the hypocrites and all the envious crew of disparagers and backbiters. I would see among our citizens, supreme, dominant, unconquerable, those essential at-tributes that make great people and great microcosms: pride of home, love of home, courage of home.

HENRY RIGHTOR.

To the Business Manager,

New Orleans Bee, City Dear Sir—Your circular of the 19th, instant, has been received, and I very much regret that I cannot accept the compliment it conveys: my position demands so much of my time, that I have little left for other purposes; therefore I trust you will pardon my declination.

There are many wishes I could express, and with them most hearti-

ly would mingle, the future happiness and continued prosperity of the New Orleans Bee and the patriotic Gentlemen who wield its destinles with such dignity and in-telligence. I sincerely trust the incoming year may bring its choicest gifts within your surroundings.

Respectfully.
HARRY M. ISAACSON.

New Orleans, December 31, 1900 Mr. Armand Capdevielle, Editor l'Abeille,

My Dear Sir — A special interest is felt by me in this New Century's issue of l'Abellle. Not alone in reviewing its first history do I recall the fact that my honored father, Alexander Dimitry, was its first English Editor; but, I also remember that it was through the dramatic columns of the Bee, I made my entrance into the city's journalism.

Mr. Jenkins being the English Editor at that time. This temporary writing marked an era in my life-work, as it was through this connection with your venerable. connection with your venerable and venerated journal, I afterwards went upon the staff of the Times.

In Grecian fable, we are told that the bees of Hybla made the sweetest honey. So has it ever been with

honey. So has it ever been with l'Abeille of Chartres Street-a veritable Hybla bee in journalism always the friend of virtue, clean in morals, most wise and vigorous in its discussion of all State and National questions.

For a final and personal word, I present my felicitations. with my whole heart, upon your able management of l'Abeille, and predict for it an ever-widening influence with the growth of our New Cen-

Most cordially your friend,

well to the 19th Century! They have served mankind faithfully in any past age will they be able to do it. Farewell to the year 1900! Fareive periods of life have drawn to a close they must take their places in the tomb of Time.

All hail to the year 1901, all hail to the 20th Century! May they be worthy successors of their predecessors. May they bring prosperity to all mankind and may they bless the great demands of the age and the world with plenty, peace, and march to grandeur in its van of

happiness. As an educator, I predict that the 20th Century will give to the world new inventions and new discoveries; will advance all material and social interests; will promote art, science and literature; will extend trade and manufacturing; will purify politics and elevate government will replace illiteracy with knowledge; will destroy vice and en throne virtue; will promote religion and multiply man's humanity to

All these various blessings will be attained through education, which multiplies the capacities and gives power to the genius of man. ' From education as the leading cause.

The public character its color draws,'

Without education, liberal and moral, and without the energy of rion, truth and justice are the heavy guns which must be used to destroy ignorance, vice and superstition, and to place all mankind on higher intellectual, moral and sociologic planes. Education develops reason planes. Education develops reason, and reason is the lamp of the world. and the torch of intellectual progress. Liberty and humanity sit with anti-halls for games. enthroned upon the Temple of Education, while slavery of mind, aspire to the loftiest achievements in the material, moral and intellectual affairs of the world must recognize these facts and act in consonance therewith.

The grandest questions of finance of science, of government, and of humanity, are yet unsolved. The civilized world is, to-day, wrestling with these subjects. From legisla tive halls, from laboratories, from schools, from the forum, from counting rooms, from mines, mills and factories, and from the pulpit, new light, new truth and higher principles of liberty and fraternity are being unfolded for the happi-

ness of mankind. Hence It is I expect such of 1901 and of the 20th Century, working on the lines of education. And if we wish to receive from the year and the Century, the maximum of good we must each and all act wall our part, move only on lines where plumed honor leads the way, and remember to

"Count that day lost whose low descending sum, Views from our hands no worthy actions dese. Gro. Souls.

To the "Bee":

May you long continue to gather sweets from the flowers of life for the benefit of mankind. While you rob the roses of their perfume, you generously share it with others, and your sting, which is ever ready for defense is never used in malice.



Editor of the New Orleans Bee: In response to your request, the "Picayune" ventures a few words as to the Gentury just dawning.

It will be an era of extraordinary activity in manufacturing and mining industries, in commerce and in everything that goes to make up business progress. There will be astonishing advances in mechanical invention and scientific discovery, and they will be used as much as possible to increase the economies and profits of business.

The Twentieh Century will be

preeminently an age of money-seeking; but there will be also the most prodigal spending of wealth, for it will be recognized as the chief social force and its power can only be felt

in its use.
The Century will be characterized by an extraordinary diffusion of knowledge among the maskes and a general popular enlightenment will greatly result in tempering and restraining the tyrauny of

money.
Only the ignorant can be enslaved, and it is this diffusion of knowledge and it is this diffusion of knowledge among the people, that will go far to preserve republican liberty and democratic free institutions from the despotism of capital. More than ever before will the people be charged with the duty of saving the republic, and more than ever in any past age will they be able

Enormous material progress and widespread popular enlightenment will be the characterization of the Twentieth Century, and the Pica-yune fully believes that the people of New Orleans and of Louisians, and of the entire South will rise to improvement, and may L'ABEILLE venerable in wisdom, but ever young in vigor and enterprise, survive through the Century to assist in the development to greatness and glory of our beloved City.

THOMAS E. DAVIS.

New Orleans, December 27, 1900. Business Manager of the New Orleans Bee.

Dear Sir-Believing that education is the great factor in civilization and the banisher of crime, my wish for the New Century must be along these lines.

When the philanthropists realize that the greatest charity is that which makes man a thinking, inman, the 20th Century will be pow-erless to serve the world. Educa-command carried out. Would that

In each district would be found a light School with spacious halls for popular lectures, reading rooms

When education becomes universal and teachers are considered if not of body, reigns supreme in benefactors and not mere paid the Kingdom of Illiteracy. The car machines, then will the New Cenof truth and progress rolls on tury be filled with glorious achieve-wheels of education, and all who ments: life will be filled with broader and nobler idea for the better-

ment of humanity.
God grant that the dawn is near and we, of the 20th Century, will gain new strength on its dawning. Yours sincerely,

SOPHIE B. WRIGHT, Principal Home Institute.

Business Manager New Orleans Bee. No. 323 Chartres street, city. Dear Sir-In response to your

kind invitation to express an opinion on the most important events of the closing century, and a wish for the opening one, I will state, I think, the Louisiana purchase and the Spanish-American war, two of the most important events affecting the destinies of America. The wish I would express is that our City may be healthy, as all other blessings will follow.

Truly yours, W. A. KERWAGHAN.

New Orleans, december 31st 1900. Zo the N.O. Boo. Faithful, friendly, busy Bee.

Welcome great art thou to me, Bringing as a greatfut treat. Bunglag only when 'tie most ! On the way with blebilage fir. Hither, thither, far and night : Ever widening be thy sphere. Betving all with wholesome cheer A Daily Reader of the Bee

My dear Sir-Mr. Morris desires me to state that the most important event of the year, to him, is the fact that he is here and has leased the Academy of Music for four years, having every confidence in New Orleans future.

Yours respectfully, Chas. E. Davies, Manager.

Nile-Orléans, le 31 déc. 1900. A mon ami Armand Capdevielle, Directeur de l'ABEILLE.

Cher ami.

Mon opinion la voici : Au point de vue américain, l'évè-nement dominant du siècle est l'anement dominant du siècle est l'a-chat du territoire de la Louisiane. Sans cette acquisition, qui les a rendus maîtres de la vallée du Mis-sissipi et leur a permis ensuite d'at-taindre la "Pacifique" les Etats sissipi et leur a permis ensuite d'at-teindre le "Pacifique", les Etats-Unis ne seraient pas devenus le peuple fort et puissant qui fait l'admiration du monde.

miration du monde.

Au point de vue louisianais, c'est l'existence de l'Abellle! Alors que tout ce qui rappelle la France disparaît de jour en jour, elle, seule, résiste héroïquement et tient haut et ferme le drapeau de la langue

EMILE RIVOIRE.

Rosa Park. New Orleans, Dec. 29th, 1900. To the most worthy Business Manager of the New Orleans Bee,

Dear and honorable Sir - Your kind note, requesting me to send a few lines as a wish at the incoming New Century, brought to my mind the words of the immortal German poet Schiller, written just one hundred years ago at the commence-ment of the 19th Century, which are as applicable to our time, as if they had been penned this very day, beginning as follows:

Where can Peace find a refuge!whither, say Can Freedom turn!— lo, friend, before

our view
The Century rends itself in storm away,
And, red with slaughter dawns on earth the New. He vividly describes how the

nations are at warfare with each other; how they, like some huge Polypus stretch out their arms for prey, how they, and England especially, fight for supremacy on the Sea, tracking, with the trident of Neptune, every Isle and coast afar. yet leaving undiscovered the land of—Paradise! and he concludes his poetical effusion, saving: " In the heart's holy stillness only

beams
The shrine of refuge from life's stormy

throng; Freedom is only in the land of Dreams, The Beautiful doth on:y bloom in song While our Sunny Southlands have frequently been called the Land of Dreams and the Home of Song, may then to all those connected with the New Orleans Bee, and its hope. numerous gentle readers, life in this dream-land be a bright one, soulstirring songs attune their hearts to all that is good, grand and noble.

May the existence of the New Orleans Bee be prolonged to become a Century-Plant, a fragrant and perenuial flora adorn its fertile and prolific fields, from which, like the humming bee, it may gather sufficient saccharine matter to produce an abundance of honey wherewith to sweeten the days to come until Time is no more.

In grateful recollection of the

many tokens of friendship received at your hands, I remain, Yours faithfully and affec-

tionately,
SALOMON MARX.

L'Abeille! Notre douce et vieille amie.

Elle a toujours su remplir sa ruche, cette vieille Abeille.... hono-rable et honorée. Elle déborde aujourd'hui, cette ruche, - Avis aux

Examinez bien l'envergure de la Volatilla mielleuse, et vous verrez qu'elle s'étend d'un océan à l'autre, et d'un siècle à l'autre. Eile a su de tout temps chasser les frelons, et répandre son miel. Ce qu'elle a fait dans le siècle qui vient de s'écouler, elle le fera dans celui qui

uncertain whether the next year would make them citizens of France, England, or of the youthful United States. At the end of this Year 1900 New Orleans is one of the great cities of the United States which has become the richest and most powerful nation in the world. Her population numbers nearly 300,-000. Muddy thorougfares have given way to wide vell lighted and well pa-ved streets. Educational facilities are provided for all classes. A vast commerce affords constant employment for capital and labour. Let us hope that the Twentieth century will provide a still greater intellectual and material progress.
WM BEER.

To the New Orleans Bee,
I wish that the Twentieth Cen-

tury now arising over our Crescent City: which has recently arowed her intention to contest for foremost

terminate in finding her the centre, of all that may be contributed by Health, Wealth and Industry.

EUGENE MAY.

The City of New Orleans occupies

a site which in 1700 was occupied by

a few wandering Indians. In 1800 it was the home of some 10,000 souls uncertain whether the next year

New Orleans, Dec. 31, 1900.

My dear Mr. Editor:
In reply to yours of the 19th, asking for "an expression on the most important events which have marked this closing century or a wish for the opening one", you and I have not reached that age where memorate with a second contaminations. ries of the past crowd out ambitions for the future or minimize the importance of the present; therefore we put the past behind. With the dawn of the New Cen-

tury New Orleans will be recognized as the "City of great possibilities". By reason of the improved sani-

tary conditions, to result from "Drainage, water and sewerage", temperate winters and summer seabreezes, our city will become noted as a most attractive place of resi-

Here a religious freedom, which can exist only in such a thoroughly cosmopolitan community, has builded and dedicated to the praise and worship of God—temples and churches of every denomination, and a harmonious people worship, each and all, in their own individu-

opera houses and theatres natura to a people who have always culti-vated tastes and gifts, inherited from a favored ancestry, New Or-leans will again take the lead in in-

française.
A l'Abeille et à son énergique directeur longue vie et prospérité.

the world by a system of jettles providing a channel 1000 feet wide with a depth of thirty five feet, sufficient permit free ingress and outgo of the largest ship now building or likely to be constructed for many vears to come.

Before Congress adjourns in March. 1901, the Hepburne Bill will be passed providing for an American canal (across Nicaragua), connect-ing the Pacific Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. We have every assurance that the President will approve the measure at Bie earliest possible moment in the New Cen-

tury.
Nothing of such Commercial, Financial, Religious or Political impartance is anywhere before the World -as the intimate relations contem-plated between the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, by the shortening of distances and the possibilities of commercial development and interchange between the Atlantic and Pacific countries, between the Caucasian and Mongolian

While the United States as a whole will be enormously benefited, New Orleans must, as the natural leading shipping port, reap a large shure of trade.

Eminent authorities predict that work on the Canal will begin within one year from the passage of the Bill and competent engineers estimate it will take about seven years to complete the great work.

Therefore, Mr. Editor, we can reasonably hope that 1910 will find New Orleans enjoying great commercial and industrial development—the full benefit of all these great changes and improvements for which our people are working so earnestly.

May you and I, my good friend, be here to see the realization of our

Very truly yours S. A. TRUFANT.

Bonne et heureuse Année. Communauté des Dames Ursulines, Neuvelle-Orléans. New Orleans, Dec. 31, 1900.

Editor N. O. Bee.

To enumerate the most important events of the XIX century would be too great a task, but the most important and influential of all is without doubt the rise of popular government—in one word "liberty." To us of New Orleans it has been the acquisition of Louisians and the development of New Orleans from a village into a town, then into a city and then into the Metropolis of the Bouth, the Civil war, the harnessing of the Mississippi river by Eads to make it niow a deep channel into direct their attention to all that is make it plow a deep channel into the sea, the blight cast on us by Radical rule, the experiment of an ignorant negro suffrage, which with bad city administration brought us to the brim of the abyss of repu-diation from which our own sense of honor made us draw back.

In the closing years of the century a new spirit of progress was born and a determination to place the city in as good a sanitary condition as any City in the Union. \$12,000,000 4 per cent. bonds taken C'est dode de tout cœur que nous by our citizens above pur, demonlui souhaitons pour les deux X X strated a confidence that the city une nouvelle ruche qu'elle saura affairs will be administered not only

our city. Our dear old New Orleans is not dead but alive! We have yet much to do to make New Orleans the Winter Capital of the Union, We need fine parks, good roads, modern improvements—a grand boulevard position among her American sisterhood, by reason of all that can be had through Sewerage, Drainage and Paving; actuated by a programity of Municipal Administration, may see Municipal administration, may to connect the two parks, to build up the rear of the city and we wish to realize the dream of Bienville of a city extending from the river to the lake.

JAMES. S. ZACHARIE, Councilman of the 4th Municipal District.

I have been requested by the Editor of the Bee to express my opinion as to the progress of the world in the Century just ended.
Surely never before has the world seen a hundred years so crowded

with wonderful events.

In the field of science alone there have been such marvelous discoveries as never before in the world's history. The invention by Steven-son of the steam-engine, Fuiton's application of steam as a motive power for boats have together wrought a bloodless revolution is the domains of commerce.

the telephone, the innumerable inventions of Edison, in the field of electricity, the invention of the Roentgen or "X" ray, and finally the discoveries of Marconi, relative to wireless telegraphy all prove the matchless power of the human mind in the last ten decades. The art of war is transformed by the modern guns and battleships, while the discovery of anaesthetics has proved an inestimable boon to the millions of suffering humanity on the battle fields or in the hospitals.

The Peace Conference at the Hague points towards the highest instincts of humanity and gives us a glimpse of what may be as the human mind grows nobier and less

A few shadows fall on the picture as we remember the fate of Elizabeth of Austria and poor Humbert of Italy and the rise of socialism and anarchism, but after all, these may later be directed into wiser and better channels, and all in all we may surely congratu-late ourselves in having been born and having formed an integral part in that most wonderful Century now

To the New Orleans Bee. The past year, as it has been the last, has perhaps been the most momentous of its Century, characterised by features of war and bloodshed such as to create doubts in the minds of statesmen as to the future destines of the very world itself. But, as Christians, "In God let us put our trust"

The New Orleans Bee has passed

through its ordeal, which it has been able to bide by the sure and safe course of moderation, justifying the hopes of its readers that it will continue in the future to be a faithful guardian, wisely serving the in-terests of the City, the State, and the Country. It therefore gives us much pleasure to extend to its judicious manager our congralutions on occasion of the New Year and the some of the most valuable of these New Century. May the Bee continue to buzz more busily than ever, derision and contemptuous antaand carry more wholesome stores gonism, which time and experience, of wisdom and intelligence to the however, changed into loud praises hearts and minds of eager and appreclative readers!

H. FITZGERALD. Columbian Institute.

Mrs V. Ducatel appreciates the compliment paid her by the New Orleans Bee; in requesting her impression or wish to be published in special edition of January 1st, 1901. She requests the Bee, its Manager and its whole staff, to accept her sincere wishes for the continuance of its success during the next Century. May the Nestor of the New Orleans Press celebrate its centennial, under its present able manage

Dec. 21st, 1900.

Que toutes les filles montées en graîhe, décoiffent Sainte Catherine dans les douze mois qui vont suivre. UNE FEMME QUI POSSÈDE sons should be the earnest wish of ENCORE DES CHARMES.

Dear Sir-Complying with your request of the 19th just., which reached me on the 27th of the same month, I beg to submit my humble but sincere wish for the opening

year. Good health and strength to our Mayor, Honorable Paul Camevielle so that he may continue. for many years, to administer this City affairs and thus benefit the Commercial Financial and Political population. Very respectfully yours,

ARTHUR LANDRODIE.

If we could only get our wishes as easy as we make them, what a great city this would be. I wish and am, sure my wish will come true with the assistance of the Bee, that our people will awake with the new century to a realization of their own importance and the work before

Bituated as it is, New Orleans should be one of the greatest cities in the Union. Drainage and sewerage is now assured and all we need is our people to combine and show a proper appreciation of the efforts of those who labor so earnestly for the improvement of our lovely city. good in New Orleans and publish it to the world.

Bupt. of Police.

Je souhaite qu'au cours de la nouvelle année, tous les clubs de notre ville ferment leurs portes, afin que mon époux soit plus souvent chez

UNE ÉPOUSE QUELQUE PEU DELAMSEE.

Messieurs: — En réposse à votre communique du 19 Décembre, conquants du siècle finissant ce soir,

et de sonhaits de bonne année, je 'Quidonque refléchit un instaut. admettra sans discussion, que la chose la plus importante et la plus

unic aussi bjen que la plus admirable et la plus extraordinaire, mise en opération de nos jours, a été l'invention du Téléphone ?

Pour ce qui en est des sochaits de bonne année, j'en fais un que ni personne la verre femele. moi ni personue ne verra jamaia s'accomplir. Je souhaite que tous les peuples sans exception ap-prennent à parler le français, que pour a peu cette langue devienne pour eux la langue préférée, et qu'un jour arrive où chacun aimant a s'exprimer en français, l'intro-duise dans leurs affaires d'abord, puis qu'elle devienne la langue officielle de chaque Etat, comme elle est déja la langue diplomatique universelle, et qu'en fin de compte, que celui qui oserait vous arrêter rue du Canal (ou dans une autre rue cela m'est égal) pour vous de-mander en anglais l'adresse du "New Orléans Bee," qu'il soit pas-sé en jugement immédiatement, et he domains of commerce.

The marvels of the telegraph and he telephone, the innumerable intentions of Edison, in the field of the domains of Edison in the field of the la Nouvelle-Orieans (pour point in the field of the la Nouvelle-Orieans). faire un exemple.)

Bien a vous, FERNAND LAUDUMIEY.

To enumerate the distinguishing events of the closing century might easily require more than a volume. A discussion of their significance and bearing upon the world's pro-gress might well fill a library.

Prominent among the most important lessons to be learned from even a superficial glance at the sub-ject stands forth the idea, crystal-ized into the poetic expression— "Peace hath her victories no less senowned than war".

The greatest and most beneficial

The greatest and most beneficial achievements, unquestionably, are not among those that are heralded to the world by trumpet blasts and the beating of drums, but are to be found quietly and modestly recor-ded by diligent seekers after truth and earnest workers for the world's

The discovery and acceptance of the much abused germ theory of di-sease, establishing a basis for asep-tic and antiseptic treatment in medicine and surgery, and suggesting disinfection as a preventive measure, of incalculable value, not only as regards life and health but also to commerce and the bread winning apacity of that large majority that forms the bone and sinew of the land; the serum-treatment for diph-theria, of inestimable value to child life; the discovery of anesthesia rendering prolonged surgical operations possible and preventing pain from many causes; these are a few only of the many important events that belong to the nineteenth century: and vaccination, that greatest of all life saving discoveries while a product of the eighteenth was practically applied on a large scale for life saving purposes during the century following.

As is not unusual with innovations.

and glad rejoicing. To the sanitarian no advance during the nineteenth century appeals more than that made in the field of preventive medecins, and no greater evidence of advancement, in the refinement of civilization as well as in knowledge can be found than the establishing throughout the enlightened world of organized departments of government for the purpose of putting into practical execution the laws of preventive medication cine and applying the inexpensive ounce of prevention that is so much more effective than the costly and

often unattainable pound of cure. New Orleans for many years ultra conservative in the adoption of new ideas and modern notions has experienced an awakening during the past few years wich will enable her to enter the twentieth century equipped with plans of sanitation the carrying out of which will place her in the front rank of american municipalities entitled to brightest prospects for the future. That her destiny may remain in the control of upselfish and loving

every good citizen. QUITMAN KOHNKE, M. D. Health Officer of the City of New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 30th, 1900. Editor New Orleans Bee. The close of a Century is in itself of but of ordinary interest, and compared to the past and future, but a mere point in time. But the great and profound interest I take in the wonderful advancement of the Century now closing, amongst other achievements, is that ripe and active recognition of individuality, or our thorough recognition of personality, with its rights and liberties, carrying with them their natural and rational exercise. The agitation of thought is the beginning of wisdom, this beginning is: when individuality and personality are exercised without restraint. This advance is the glory of this glorious Century and to this must be credited. Century and to this must be credited our advance in religion, philosophy. the sciences and the arts in every department of the world. Individuality will never again be absorbed by absolute prerogative. This Century has forever secured personality in existence, with all the glories that follow in the auspicious Century now in view.

Respectfully, Simon Belden:

Happy New Year, Plenty of mo ney and no poor friends, 1901. M. ANDRW R. BLAKELY, New Orleans.

Nous regrettons de n'avoir pu donner place à toutes les corres pondances qui nons ont été en-